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INTRODUCTION

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The literature of library science has proliferated to such an extent in recent years that to make such a selection is befraught with hazards. In making his choice the reviewer has laid himself open to criticism from those who feel that certain titles not mentioned should have been included. There are however more comprehensive and formal bibliographies of this field available which can be used if comprehensiveness is sought.

Subjects have been set out on separate pages as far as possible in order to accommodate notes and additions by those who use this publication as a working tool.

AUTOMATION

There have been so many new publications dealing with the library applications of the computer and other mechanized devices that it is possible in this review to mention only a few titles which have been favourably reviewed: Automation in Libraries by R.T. Kimber (Oxford, Pergamon, 1968); The Computer and the Library, by N.S.M. Cox and others (Hamden, Connecticut, Archon Books, 1967); The Library and the Machine (Scunthorpe, N.M.B.L.A., 1966) and Libraries and Machines Today (Scunthorpe, N.M.B.L.A., 1967) both edited by C.D. Batty; and a review of Automation in Libraries (Ottawa, Canadian Association of College and University Libraries, 1967). More specifically, a review of the latest developments in Computer Based Information Retrieval Systems (London, Bingley, 1968) was edited by B. Houghton in a recent British work.

CASE STUDIES AND PROGRAMMED TEXTS

These were two innovations in library science publishing in the period under review. The case study approach was the subject of the following books on reference work: Galvin, T.J. Problems in Reference Service (New York, Bowker, 1965); and Grogan, D. Case Studies in Reference Work (London, Bingley, 1967). Other areas covered in this way were: The Management of Libraries and Information Centres by M.H. Lowell (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1968. 3v.); The Book Collection by K.R. Shaffer (London, Bingley, 1967); Library Personnel Administration and Supervision, 2nd ed. (London, Bingley, 1968. Social Issues and Library Problems by C.F. Kister (New York, Bowker, 1968) and Case Studies in Systems Analysis in a University Library edited by B.R. Burkhalter (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1968).

Books offering programmed courses included D.J. Sager's Reference (Columbus, Ohio, Ohio Library Foundation, 1968) and those titles on cataloguing and classification mentioned elsewhere in this review.

CATALOGUING

The most important publication to appear in the field of cataloguing was the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, which was published in 1967 in American and British texts by the American Library Association and Library Association respectively. Seminars on the new Rules were held in many countries and the proceedings of at least two such seminars have been published: New Rules for an Old Game (London, Bingley, 1968) and Seminar on the Anglo-American Cataloguing edited by J.C. Downing and N.F. Sharp (London, Library Association, 1969) these being of Canadian and British origin respectively. Several basic tools were published following decisions taken at the 1961 International Conference on Cataloguing Principles held in Paris. Among them were A.H. Chaplin's compilation Names of Persons: National Usages for Entry in Catalogues (Paris, IFLA, 1967); S. Honoré's International List of Approved Forms for Catalogue Entries for Names of States and R. Pierrot's International List of Uniform Headings for Anonymous Classics, the two last named being provisional editions published by the Interantional

Federation of Library Associations in 1964. At the same time publishers revealed a desire to reprint famous and important writings from the past: Readings in Library Cataloguing edited by R.K. Olding (London, Crosby Lockwood, 1966) and Catalogs and Cataloging edited by A.R. Rowland (Hamden, Connecticut, Shoe String Press, 1968) were two anthologies of this kind.

Several standard tools appeared in new editions in the period under review (e.g. Sear's and Library of Congress Lists of Subject Headings) while several volumes of sample catalogue cards were published and brought into line with the new Cataloguing Code: Sample Catalogue Cards 3rd ed. compiled by K.L. Ball and others (Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1968); Slocum, R.B. Sample Cataloging Forms 2nd ed. (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1968).

R.F. Kennedy's Classified Cataloguing (Cape Town, Balkema, 1966), an excellent guide to the construction and use of the classified catalogue, remains the only work of its

kind and deserves to be more widely used abroad.

Among the initial ventures of Clive Bingley, whom many librarians now regard as 'publisher to the profession', was a series of examination guidebooks on the theory and practice of cataloguing and classification. These were followed by a number of student text books, the most recent of which is a comprehensive work on the Subject Approach to Information by A.C. Foskett (1969).

A new venture in the field of cataloguing and classification has been the publication of programmed texts. They include introductory texts on the 16th and 17th editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification by C.D. Batty (London, Bingley) published in 1965 and 1967 respectively; Colon Classification also by C.D. Batty (London, Bingley, 1966); Sear's List of Subject Headings by R.R.D. Corrigan (London, Bingley, 1967) and A.F. Johnson's Programmed Course in Cataloguing and Classification (London, Deutsch, 1968).

CLASSIFICATION

Library classification was in the forefront of library science literature in the five years covered by this review.

Recent literature has been concentrated on existing classification schemes. The 17th and 9th abridged editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification which were published in 1965 were followed by several appraisals of the work and by a discussion of problems: The Dewey Decimal Classification edited by M.F. Tauber and others (New York, Columbia University, 1968); Problems in Library Classification; Dewey 17 and Conversion edited by T. Samore (New York, Bowker, 1968). Two publications on the Library of Congress Classification appeared recently. One was a much needed Guide to Library of Congress Classification by J.P. Immroth (Rochester, N.Y., Libraries Unlimited, 1968); the other was a volume of conference proceedings on its use: The Use of the Library of Congress Classification edited by R.H. Schimmelpfeng and C.D. Cook (Chicago, American Library Association, 1968).

J.M. Perreault contributed a fresh text: Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification (London, Bingley, 1969), while K.G.B. Bakewell's Classification for Information Retrieval (London, Bingley, 1968) also has a major section on this scheme.

A third edition of S.R. Ranganathan's Prolegomena to Library Classification (London, Asia Publishing House) was published in 1968, and an extensively revised fourth edition of W.C.B. Sayers' Manual of Library Classification (London, Deutsch) was published in 1967.

The problems of reclassification was the subject of a monograph: Reclassification: rationale and problems edited by J.M. Perreault (College Park, Maryland, University of Maryland, 1968) and this should be prescribed reading for any librarians contemplating a change in classification scheme.

A recent monograph by Barbara Benison: Selected

Materials in Classification: a Bibliography (New York, Special Libraries Association, 1968) is a splendid inventory of special classification schemes known to exist in the U.S.A. and elsewhere. Numerous classification schemes in special subject fields continued to proliferate, e.g. Moys, E.M. A Classification Scheme for Law Books (London, Butterworths, 1968).

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Care and Repair of Books by H.M. Lydenburg and J. Archer (New York, Bowker, 1945) although long out-of-date has for years been regarded as the standard text on the care of library materials. A new work to take account of modern methods and viewpoints was badly needed and has been met to a large extent by G.D.M. Cunha's Conservation of Library Materials (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1967), which is an anthology of articles reprinted from a wide variety of publications. An authoritative review in Library Quarterly has hailed this work as 'the most important monograph on the subject published in English thus far'. A Russian review of the subject also appeared in translation: Flyate, D.M. Preservation of Documents and Papers (Jerusalem, Israel Program for Scientific Translations, 1968) and several excellent contributions on the subject were included in Bibliophilia Africana: Proceedings of the first Conference of South African Bibliophiles (Cape Town, Friends of the South African Library, 1967).

DIRECTORIES OF LIBRARIES

Library directories are becoming numerous. In addition to the existing directories, such as American Library Directory and Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries Year Book which are published regularly, three other major directories were published in 1968 alone: World Guide to Libraries compiled by K.G. Saur, 2nd ed. (München, Verlag Dokumentation, 1968. 3v.); International Library Directory edited by A.P. Wales, 3rd ed. (London, A.P. Wales, 1968) and European Library Directory compiled by R.C. Lewanski (Florence, Olschki, 1968).

EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP

Two recent books, one English, the other American, have dealt with this theme in some depth. Both are interantional in scope. The British book, A History of Library Education by G. Bramley (London, Bingley, 1969), emphasizes the historical aspects, while the American work, Library Education: an International Survey edited by L.E. Bone (Champaign, Illinois, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, 1968), represents the proceedings of an international conference on library science education and surveys current practice in various parts of the world.

ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

T. Landau's one volume Encyclopaedia of Librarianship, 3rd ed. (London, Bowes & Bowes, 1966) is a useful tool which serves its purpose but its brevity is a serious limitation. The recently launched multi-volume Encyclopaedia of Library and Information Science (New York, Dekker, 1968-) is therefore to be welcomed. The first two volumes of this work covering the letters A - Boo have been well reviewed and augur well for the rest of this set.

INTRODUCTIONS TO LIBRARY SCIENCE

An introductory work on the use of books and libraries has been written in a programmed text by T.W. Burrell: Learn to Use Books and Libraries (London, Bingley, 1969). Other introductory texts were provided by J.K. Gates in her Introduction to Librarianship (New York, McGraw-Hill, 1968); W.C. Petru and M.W. West in The Library: an Introduction for Library Assistants (New York, Special Libraries Association, 1967); E.V. Corbett in his Introduction to Librarianship, 2nd ed. (London, Clarke, 1966); R.B. Downs in How to do Library Research (Urbana, University of Illinois Press, 1966) and G.W. Morse in his Concise Guide to Library Research (New York, Washington Square Press, 1966).

LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Bird's eye views of librarianship in overseas countries were numerous and only a few examples can be mentioned. Australian, Canadian and South African libraries have been described in a nutshell by J. Balnaves, H.C. Campbell and L.E. Taylor respectively, in British publisher Clive Bingley's Comparative Library Studies series. The library scene in the United Kingdom has been described in a recent work edited by W.L. Saunders: Librarianship in Britain Today (London, Library Association, 1967). A penetrating account of University libraries in Great Britain has been provided by an Australian librarian, Harrison Bryan in his Critical Survey of University Libraries and Librarianship in Great Britain (Adelaide, Libraries Board of South Australia, 1966), the same author having been responsible for a very brief but interesting description of Australian University libraries a few years previously: Australian University

Libraries Today and Tomorrow (Collaroy, N.S.W., Bennett, 1965). Other interesting descriptive works in this category were A British View of Libraries in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. (London, Library Association, 1966) being reports of Association of Assistant Librarians Study Tours in these two countries and an extensively revised second edition of K.C. Harrison's Libraries in Scandinavia (London, Deutsch, 1969).

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

New books on library architecture and planning were relatively few in number compared to the output in other areas. An important new title in this category was K.D. Metcalf's monograph Planning Academic and Research Library Buildings (New York, McGraw-Hill, 1965). Three hundred new service points started in the period 1960-1964 were highlighted in British Public Library Buildings by S.G. Berriman and K.C. Harrison (London, Deutsch, 1966). F.G. Poole dealt with aspects of interior planning in The Library Environment (Chicago, American Library Association, 1965).

The library profession still lacks good works giving illustrations and catalogue information on library furniture and equipment. P. Millard's Modern Library Equipment (London, Crosby Lockwood, 1966) was a disappointment in this respect.

LIBRARY HISTORY

The field of library history was enriched by a number of new texts. Two of the best and most wide ranging works to appear were E.D. Johnson's History of Libraries in the Western World (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1965) and the same author's Communication, 3rd ed. (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1966). J.L. Thornton's well known anthology of important writings in the field Selected Readings in the History of Librarianship, appeared in a second edition (London, Library Association, 1966) and Edward Edwards' classic Memoirs of Libraries was reprinted in 1966 by Burt Franklin, New York. J.A. Olle's examination guidebook Library History (London, Bingley, 1967) is an extremely useful signpost to the literature of this subject. Thomas Kelly's masterful Early Public Libraries: a History of Public Libraries in Great Britain before 1850 (London, Library Association, 1966) is an important contribution in this field.

LIBRARY SURVEYS

Twenty-seven years after E.W. McDiarmid's well known book on Library Surveys was published in 1940, two new books on this topic appeared in 1967. The British text Library Surveys, an Introduction to their Use, Planning, Procedure and Presentation by M. Line (London, Bingley, 1967) is of great benefit for the librarian who has decided to survey; the American text Library Surveys edited by M.F. Tauber and I.R. Stephens (New York, Columbia University, 1967) assists the librarian faced with the dilemma of whether or not to survey in the first instance. The two works complement each other in a splendid manner.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Many aspects of public library work were dealt with in recent literature. For example in the field of administration D. Sinclair contributed a text Administration of the Small Public Library (Chicago, American Library Association, 1965) and G. Jefferson an examination guidebook Public Library Administration (London, Bingley, 1965). K.C. Harrison dealt with The Library and the Community, 2nd ed. (London, Deutsch, 1966) and H. Jolliffe contributed a major text on Public Library Extension Activities, 2nd ed. (London, Library Association, 1968). G. Jefferson has dealt with Library Co-operation (London, Deutsch, 1966) and more recently with libraries and social development in his work Libraries and Society (Cambridge, Clarke, 1969). Public library government and control have been the subjects of several recent British and American works: Stockham, K.A. Government and Control of Libraries (London, Deutsch, 1968); Corbett, E.V. The Public Library and its Control, 2nd ed. (London, Association of Assistant Librarians, 1966), and Koepp, D.W. Public Library Government (Berkeley, University of California, 1968).

SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

School librarianship has been dealt with in a recent South African work The School Library in Educational Perspective (Pretoria, Transvaal Education Department, 1967), by E. Roe in an English book Teachers, Librarians and Children (London, Crosby Lockwood, 1965) and by J.J. Delaney in the U.S.A. in his book The New School Librarian (Hamden, Connecticut, Shoe String Press, 1968).

L.M. Harrod has covered Library Work with Children (London, Deutsch, 1969) - a text which most viewers felt was outmoded. Youth Library Work by M.P. Barnes (London, Bingley, 1968) was received with much greater enthusiasm as being more compatible with present day attitudes. A guide to key reading in this field has been provided by S. Pinches in her Library Work with Young People (London, Bingley, 1966).

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

K.G.B. Bakewell has briefly pinpointed some of the most important special and industrial libraries in various parts of the world in his work Industrial Libraries Throughout the World (Oxford, Pergamon, 1969), and the same author has edited the proceedings of a Conference aimed at familiarizing management with the functions, sources and techniques of information work in a work entitled Library and Information Sources for Management (London, Bingley, 1968). The special library scene in Britain has been described by a number of specialist observers in a monograph Special Library and Information Services in the United Kingdom, 2nd ed. edited by J. Burkett (London, Library Association, 1965). Australian special libraries have been dealt with in a new monograph by A.W. Johns Special Libraries (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1968). Although directed primarily at a special library audience, ASLIB's well known Handbook of Special Libraries and Information Work, 3rd ed. edited by W. Ashworth (London, ASLIB, 1967) has been found to be extremely useful in all kinds of libraries. Its title does not reflect

the full scope of this work, as it offers a first rate, up-to-date review of development and methods in numerous aspects of librarianship. Six particular aspects of special library work covering mechanization, retrieval, indexing and staffing were reviewed in 'state of the art' style in Trends in Special Librarianship edited by J. Burkett (London, Bingley, 1968).

SPECIAL MATERIALS

Readings in Nonbook Librarianship edited by J.S. Kujoth (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1968) is a recent anthology of previously published periodical articles and covers a wide field. Books on specific non-book materials have also been numerous in recent years. They include R.L. Collison's Commercial and Industrial Records Storage (London, Benn, 1969); R.B. Bordin and R.M. Warner on the Modern Manuscript Library (Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Press, 1966); a third edition of D. Grenfell's Periodicals and Serials (London, ASLIB, 1969); P.F. Broxis on art materials in a work entitled Organising the Arts (London, Bingley, 1968); and Y. Parotin's Manual of Tropical Archivology (Paris, Mouton, 1966). Music librarianship has been treated comprehensively in a revised edition by J. Dove of the famous L.R. McColvin and H. Reeves work Music Libraries (London, Deutsch, 1965) and more recently by B. Redfern in his work Organising Music Libraries (London, Bingley, 1966).

STAFFING

Among important works to appear in this category were second editions of K.B. Stebbins' Personal administration in Libraries revised by F.E. Mohrhardt (New York, Scarecrow, 1966) and Personnel Organization and Procedure (Chicago, American Library Association, 1968).

STATISTICS

Although the problem of statistics as applied in libraries has been dealt with in almost every text book on library administration, the American Library Association scored a 'first' in this field by producing the first-ever full-scale monograph on this basic topic: Library Statistics: a Handbook of Concepts, Definitions and Terminology (Chicago, American Library Association, 1966).

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

Technical and administrative problems in librarianship received the attention of the American Library Association's Library Technology Program. Among the subjects covered in monograph form were Catalog Card Reproduction by J. Fry and Associates (Chicago, American Library Association, 1965) and Compact Library Shelving by D. Gawrecki (Chicago, American Library Association, 1968).

W.H. Kurth and R.W. Grim have dealt in detail with all aspects of moving a library in their book Moving a Library (Metuchen, Scarecrow Press, 1966), a subject also dealt with by P. Spyers-Duran in Moving Library Materials (Chicago, American Library Association, 1965), while P. W. Plumb has contributed a pamphlet on the theme of Central Library Storage of Books (London, Library Association, 1965).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Among the studies published in the period under review was Harrison Bryan's Critical Survey of University Libraries and Librarianship in Great Britain (Adelaide, Libraries Board of South Australia, 1966). D. Davinson's Academic and Legal Deposit Libraries, 2nd ed. (London, Bingley, 1969) is a brief but useful examination guidebook to the principal literature on the subject. W.L. Saunders edited a volume of University and Research Library Studies (Oxford, Pergamon, 1968) and another volume of wider scope surveying The Provision and Use of Library and Documentation Services [in the United Kingdom] (Oxford, Pergamon, 1966). The Library in the University (Hamden, Connecticut, Shoe String Press, 1967) was the subject of some seventeen lectures given on this theme at the University of Tennessee between 1949 and 1966.